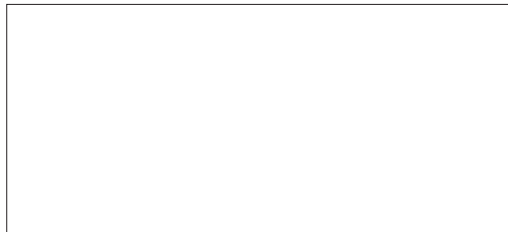


APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for day and camping uses. Enter your choice of date in the space provided. If camping, list the nights (limit 2) you wish to stay at Swan Island.
2. Print your name, address, city, state, and zip code.
3. List a telephone number where you can be contacted so that alternative arrangements can be made (in the event that no vacancies are available on the date(s) that you have selected).
4. Indicate the number of adults and children over 4 years of age that will be included in your group; and the number of children age 3 and under (no charge). All groups composed of minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by adult supervisors at a ratio of 1 supervisor for every 8 minors.
5. List your arrival and departure times. Ferry service is on a scheduled basis only, and we accept arrival times for visitors coming onto the Island: 9:00 A.M. or 11:00 A.M., and 1:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon. Your arrival time will be stated on your reservation. Since the ferry comes to the Richmond side of the river only if a party is scheduled to arrive or depart, the ferry will not automatically arrive at the next given hour if you miss your pre-arranged arrival time.
6. A \$5.00 reservation fee must accompany your application. The full amount of this reservation fee is applied to your total fee. Additional monies will be collected when you arrive at Swan Island. The \$5.00 reservation fee is not refundable if you cancel your reservation but may be applied to a rescheduled visit. Reservations for each season will be accepted and confirmed beginning March 15, annually. If for any reason we cannot schedule your visit to Swan Island, your deposit will be refunded.
7. Mail your reservation application and deposit to arrive at least 7 days prior to your requested arrival date. Reservation payment must be made with a U.S. Postal Money Order, certified check or personal check made payable to TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE. Personal checks must have current address and telephone number. Canadian Travelers Checks, Money Orders or currency will not be accepted. Mail completed request form and payment to:
Swan Island Reservations
284 State St.
41 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333



DETACH & RETURN WITH APPLICATION FEE

APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION TO STEVE POWELL WMA

1. RESERVATION: PREFERRED DATE (List 1st and 2nd choice): _____
(Check one) ☐ DAY USE ONLY ☐ OVERNIGHT CAMPING (# of nights _____)
2. NAME OF APPLICANT _____
ADDRESS _____
3. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Home) _____ (Business) _____
4. NUMBER IN PARTY: 3 & under _____ 4 - Adult _____
5. ARRIVAL TIME (Circle one): 9 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 3 p.m. DEPARTURE TIME (Circle one): 9 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 3 p.m.
6. ENCLOSE \$5 RESERVATION FEE, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE

DATE _____ APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____



RULES

A. OPERATING SEASON DATES:

Daily: From first day of May through Labor Day by reservation.
From Labor Day through end of October, open for limited number of days and times by reservation as time and work schedules permit.

B. RESERVATIONS AND FEES: Reservations are required for all trips to Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area except day-use visitors arriving by canoe or kayak. For more information on day visits with privately owned watercraft visit mefishwildlife.com or call (207) 547-5322. A nonrefundable reservation fee must accompany the application (the full amount of the reservation fee to be applied to the total fee). Reservation applications will not be processed earlier than March 15 annually. User fees shall be established by policy decision of the Commissioner and may be modified as conditions warrant. These fees are charged by the Department solely for the use of Steve Powell W.M.A., including goods and services thereon. No charge is made by the Department for ferry services provided from Richmond to Steve Powell W.M.A., and the Department assumes no risk or liability for the use of the ferry service by members of the public.

C. TRANSPORTATION: The department provides transportation to and from Swan Island for parties visiting the area. Visitors will be met at the Department's landing in the Town of Richmond at the time of arrival specified on the reservation unless special arrangements have been made. **See commonly asked questions for more information**

D. HOURS: The area will be available for daily use between sunrise and sunset. Campers will be limited to a stay of 2 nights unless extended by the facility manager.

E. USE: Reservations will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis for a particular date. The time of arrival recorded on the reservation will be determined by Wildlife Division personnel after consideration has been given to the prospective visitor's desire and existing reservations already issued for a particular date. The arrival of incoming parties will be scheduled at the Department's convenience.

F. FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Ten Adirondack type shelters are available for overnight use. Picnic facilities, potable water, and modern bathroom facilities are available at the campground. No more than six persons will be assigned to a shelter.

G. RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF THE AREA:

1. Little Swan Island, portions of Swan Island and some historic buildings are restricted areas. Entrance into these areas are by permission only and all visitors to these areas must be accompanied by Department personnel.
2. No access to restricted buildings and maintenance areas.
3. Supervision: All groups composed of minors under 18 years of age, must be accompanied by adult supervisors. A ratio of 1 supervisor for every 8 minors is required.
4. Fires: Fires shall be built and used only in places provided or designated for such purposes and shall not be left unattended. Camp stoves are permissible if used in areas designated for fire building.
5. Refuse: All visitors and campers must "carry out" all refuse and trash.
6. Pets: No dogs or other pets will be allowed on the island.
7. Firearms, Fireworks: The use of or possession of firearms, fireworks, air arms, explosive and/or weapons within the

boundaries of the W.M.A. is prohibited above the high water mark. The hunting, trapping, removal, molestation, injury or damage to any animal or bird, or anything natural or physical without proper authority, is strictly prohibited. Hunting and trapping is permitted below the high water mark, general laws apply.

8. Liquor: No intoxicating beverages or drugs may be brought into, sold, or consumed upon Swan Island.
9. Campers must utilize in a proper manner the shelter provided in the area. Tent camping is allowed only in the immediate vicinity of the assigned shelter.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is Swan Island?

A. Swan Island is a state owned wildlife management area with abundant wildlife including migrating waterfowl, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, and bald eagles. It is also the only management area where camping is allowed and programs are provided for visitors. Swan Island was once known as Swan Island Game Management Area. One of the early biologists working there was Stephen E. Powell. After Powell's death in 1971 the area was dedicated in his memory as The Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area.

Q. Where is Steve Powell W.M.A.?

A. Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area is located within the Kennebec River at the head of Merry Meeting Bay in Sagadahoc County. It is legally known as Perkins Township and is situated between the towns of Richmond and Dresden. This area is often confused with Swan's Island which is located in the Atlantic Ocean five miles southwest of Mount Desert Island (Acadia National Park) and is accessible by auto ferry at Bass Harbor.

Q. What facilities are available on the area?

A. Adirondack shelters are available to campers. They are 3-sided lean-to's with shingled roofs and a substantial overhang on the open side of the shelter. There is a gravel apron in front of each shelter; a picnic table and fireplace is part of the campsite. The ten campsites are located some distance apart and are arranged along the edge of a grassy field overlooking the river. Water is provided. There is no food or supplies available on the island. There is no central wash area or shower facility. Modern bathroom facilities are available.

Q. How much does it cost to visit the Area?

A. Normal Rates

Day Use:		Overnight Rates:*	
3 & under	Free	3 & under	Free
4 - Adult	\$8.00	4 to 12	\$14.00
Self-Access			
Season Pass	Individual/\$40 Family/\$75		
Visit www.mefishwildlife.com or call 207-547-5322			

Non-Profit Group Camping Rates**

Day Use:	
3 & under	Free
4 - Adult	\$12.00

*Overnight rates subject to state lodging tax which is included in the fee

**Non-Profit Group Rates are for groups of 15 or more and are not available from the third week of June through Labor Day.



Q. When does the ferry operate?

A. The ferry runs daily at 9am, 11am, 1pm, and 3pm, by reservation only.

Q. Is it necessary to make a reservation for just a short visit?

A. Reservations are necessary for all trips to the Area, with the exception of self-access day visits. Visit mefishwildlife.com or call (207) 547-5324 for more info.

Q. How do I find the Area?

A. You should go to Richmond Village. The landing is located on the Kennebec River near the intersection of Routes 24 and 197.

There are two landings on the River at this location one is for the Town of Richmond, the other belongs to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Both are marked. You will be met at the dock by a Department employee who will transport you to the Area.

Q. Can we take our vehicle or camper onto Swan Island?

A. No. The Department provides transportation for people only, taking approximately 20 at a time. A parking area is provided on the Richmond side of the Kennebec River where you may leave your vehicle. Mountain bicycles are allowed in designated areas. The trip across is less than three lengths of a football field.

Q. How far is it from the dock on Swan Island to the campground? Is transportation available?

A. Nearly 1 1/2 miles. A truck equipped with an open slat-sided body and benches will take you from the dock to the camping/picnicking area. These rides may be uncomfortable for some persons with physical problems, or senior citizens.

Q. Can a small private boat or canoe be used during our stay at Swan Island?

A. Yes. Visitor's accessing the island by canoe or kayak must still make reservations for overnight visits. Visitors to Swan Island for day-use and not requiring transportation do not need to make reservations. They simply must self-register and pay at one of two collection boxes. The boxes are located at the island landing site and at the campground. Season passes are also available for day-use self-access. Due to tidal fluctuations of 5-7 feet small boats are not recommended. Docking facilities are for department personnel and are not to be used to store private watercraft.

Q. Is the Island large enough so we may do some walking on our own and see some wildlife?

A. Yes. Swan Island is 4 miles long with a gravel road and nature trails. There is wildlife over all the area and only limited sections are restricted.

Q. Is swimming allowed?

A. The only swimming opportunity is in the Kennebec River. Much progress has been made in cleaning this river and water quality is rated suitable for swimming. However, certain storm events may cause sewage overflows into the river, making the water unsuitable for swimming for a period of time following the storm. Further improvement in water quality is expected as new sewage treatment facilities become fully operational.

The Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area is owned and maintained by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Its operation and maintenance are supported by your fees as well as revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, and federal monies under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program. Since the Department receives federal funds, all of its programs and activities must be operated free from any discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should write to Director, Office of Equal opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.